GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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CLIENTELE WITH LPG DEALERS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of LPG agencies operating in the capital along with the clientele possessed by each of them;

(b) whether the employees of LPG agencies frequently visit consumers houses to check LPG stoves and charge Rs. 25 to Rs. 250 and in case of refusal, they stop supply of cylinders; and

(c) if not, the rules laid down by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) As on 1.10.2001, 301 LPG distributorships of Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) are operating with a customer strength of about 33 lakh in Delhi.

(b) & (c) LPG distributors are under instructions from the OMCs to do mandatory inspection of LPG equipments at the customer`s premises once in two years for purpose of safety. For this purposes, they are authorised to collect Rs. 25/- as inspection charges. OMCs have not reported any complaint of overcharging on this aspect from customers. No punitive action like stoppage of refill supplies is taken against the customers who refuse such checks.